

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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In the Matter of Application of Kerman
Telephone Co. (U1012C) d/b/a Sebastian,
to Review Intrastate Rates and Charges and
Rate of Return for Telephone Service
Furnished within the State of California,
and to Modify Selected Rates.

A.11-12-011
(Filed December 28, 2011)

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
BY THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) submits this Notice of Ex Parte Communication pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure.

On June 3, 2016, ORA (Richard Rauschmeier and Cheryl Cox) met with Christine Hammond, advisor to Commissioner Picker. The meeting took place at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102. The meeting lasted from approximately 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In the meeting, ORA emphasized (1) the reasonableness of removing recovery of copper depreciation since both fiber and copper lines would continue to earn a return as part of ratebase, (2) the unreasonableness of allowing the network operations and maintenance services provided by Kerman's affiliate to remain part of revenue requirements absent an arms-length contract and in light of documented affiliate abuses, and (3) the importance of removing Other Work Equipment from ratebase since this was equipment that Kerman initially indicated it did not use but leased to affiliates at below market rates.

No documents were provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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